

BRITISH CAPTURE TWO LINES OF GERMAN TRENCHES

SECRET AGENTS
TOLD TO LEARN
FACTS OF RAID

Further Mexican Policy Will
be Determined by Report.
Hinted That New York-
ers Back Plot.

NO SESSION HELD
BY MEX COMMISSION

Two of the Members Are Out
of City—Sen. Bliss to
Meet Members Again
on Monday.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Direct
orders have been sent to the secret
agents of the state, war and justice
departments operating in northern
Mexico and along the border, possi-
bly to determine whether Fran-
cisco Villa actually is at the head of
a rebel army in Chihuahua state.

On their reports admittedly de-
pends the future policy of the ad-
ministration. No effort was being
made today to disguise the appre-
hension in official circles caused by
the report of Gen. George Bell, Jr.,
commanding at El Paso, that Villa
carried through to the limit a mas-
terful raid on Chihuahua City on
Hidalgo day.

That Villa, after serving warning
that he was coming, should have
been able to ride into the city and
make a speech to the populace, as
Bell reports, seems incredible to of-
ficials here. If true, it is said here
that it means that the situation in
the north again is intolerable and
that this government will be com-
pelled to serve an ultimatum de-
manding Villa's death or capture at
the hands of Carranza or else heav-
ily reinforce Pershing and renew
his original orders to "get Villa."

Until action is received,
however, no action will be taken
here. Officials at the state depart-
ment said that a general investiga-
tion now is in progress to determine
the truth of allegations made by
Carranza representatives in this
country that a general conspiracy to
depose Carranza and seize the gov-
ernment is actively being financed
by New York capitalists formerly
identified with the Madero faction
in Mexico.

It has been alleged to the state
department that certain interests,
unfriendly to the United States have
financed the legalista movement in
Mexico in order to keep the opposi-
tion to Carranza alive. They have
been aided in this, the claim is
made, by the attitude of certain
Carranza generals in northern
Mexico who have divided sections of
the country up for graft purposes
and are collecting large quantities of
enforced tribute.

NO SESSION TODAY.

International News Service:
NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 22.—
Francisco Villa's increasing activ-
ity in Chihuahua will not delay
withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's ex-
pedition from Mexico. This state-
ment was made here today by one
of the members of the American
commission meeting with the Mex-
ican representatives sent by Gen.
Carranza to effect a permanent
agreement with the United States.

It was further stated, however,
that Villa's new campaign may pre-
vent a permanent agreement being
reached at this time as to how the
border shall be protected in the fu-
ture. The American commissioners
take the attitude that the evidence
of Villa's power make it impossible
for them to recommend turning en-
tire control of guarding the border
over to the Carranzistas. This is
one of the concessions demanded by
the Mexicans.

Gen. Bliss to Appear.
Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, assistant
chief of staff of the army, will come
back here Monday to appear before
the commissioners in joint session.
He will give them the latest official
information from the border. It
was generally believed today that
following Gen. Bliss' visit the com-
missioners will report to their gov-
ernments, making recommendations
as to the withdrawing of the troops
and the establishing of a temporary
border guard.

Alberto Pani, one of the Mexican
representatives, was in Boston today.
He was said to have gone there for
an interview with bankers relative
to a loan for Mexico. His absence
making it impossible to hold a joint
meeting, John R. Mott, of the Amer-
ican commission, went to New York
on personal business.

The remaining two members of
each commission held informal dis-
cussions during the day.

Girls Cover 100
Miles on Back-
to-Nature Hike

International News Service:
BOSTON, Sept. 22.—Barefooted
and clad in light summer dresses,
five girls, daughters of prominent
millionaires of the country, walked
as a "back to nature" experiment
from South Woodstock, Conn., to
Sharon, Mass., a distance of nearly
100 miles. The hike took place
under the direction of Florence
Fleuning Noyes, widely known ex-
ponent of esthetic dancing and out-
door life. It was an unqualified suc-
cess.

The young women who started the
journey with Miss Noyes last Friday
at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and
finished Monday afternoon at 4:30,
are the Misses Margaret Chambers,
Jain of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.; Vivian
Johannes of Stevens Point, Ind.; Mad-
eline Huff of Kansas City, Mo.; Mary
Gavin of Indianapolis, Ind., and
Georgia Sprague of New York city.

AMERICANS FAVOR
POLICY OF ALLIES

Retaliatory Laws "Sop" to
German Sentiment Re-
port Sent London.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Confiden-
tial reports made to the British
foreign office by its agents in this
country—including the embassy here
—have seriously interfered with the
efforts of the state department to
get relief from allied trade agree-
ments. These reports, the state de-
partment learned today, have de-
clared that the great mass of Amer-
icans generally approved the British
mail detention and blacklist
systems. What remedial action can
be taken to offset these reports is
not being considered by Secy Lan-
gley and his advisers. The situation
is admittedly delicate and infor-
mation concerning it was refused today
at the state department.

Confidential reports received here
from Consul Gen. Skinner at London
and Consul Gen. Thackara in Paris
indicate that the general attitude of
the administration regarding all of
its protests to the entente powers
has been misunderstood.

The reports, which now have been
amplified by the London embassy,
make it plain that the British for-
eign office has taken the position
that the influence behind the pro-
tests filed in both the mails and
blacklist cases is part of a German
propaganda in this country.

It is known that following the
adoption of the retaliatory legisla-
tion in the shipping and revenue
bills, a report was made by British
representatives here to London that
this was a "sop to the German senti-
ment," and that the provisions could
not be enforced. It was declared
that the great mass of the American
people did not endorse any plan of
retaliation.

The result, according to the in-
formation which today is in pos-
session of the state department, has
been that the United States protests
are not considered with sufficient
seriousness by the British foreign of-
fice. It is the intention of the ad-
ministration to have Ambassador
Page visit the British foreign office
as soon as he returns to his post in
London in the near future and make
emphatic representations against the
misinformation being sent in by its
representatives here.

PLAN HUGE BANK.
LONDON, Sept. 22.—A new \$50,-
000,000 bank will be established
under a royal charter to finance
British trade, it was announced to-
day.

ORDERED SOUTH.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The
war department ordered to the Mex-
ican border two battalions of the
Wyoming national guard, troop A,
of the Kansas guard, and troop B,
of the Wisconsin guard.

Br t h Killed
in Bandit Raid

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 22.—
Passengers arriving here today
aboard the Tapp steamer Tapla de-
clared that two British subjects and
36 Carranzistas were killed on Sept.
16 when a large force of Villistas
raided an oil-camp near Tuxpan.

All but two of the Carranzista
garrison, which guarded the camp,
were killed, according to the pas-
sengers. The two British subjects
were killed because they sheltered
two Carranzista officers.

The attack is said to have been
made in concert with Villa's attack
on Chihuahua City.

UNION HEADS
WILL VOTE ON
STRIKE TODAY

Central Labor Conference is
Empowered to Send Out
Order if Walkout
is Called.

NEW YORK MAYOR
WILL USE MILITIA

Attacks on Cars Continue
Despite Fact That Police
Are Stationed All
Along the Lines.

International News Service:
NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The situa-
tion growing out of the strike of
carmen here reached its most crit-
ical point today.

With the threat of Mayor Mitchel
to call out the state militia still
ringing in their ears, union leaders
continued plans for calling a general
sympathetic strike. Voting on this
proposition will start at 2 o'clock
this afternoon. Plans for calling the
general strike immediately if such
a vote is taken have been made. The
Central Labor conference has been
empowered to send out the strike
order.

Estimates of just how many work-
men will go out if the order is is-
sued, vary greatly. Figures set by
different union leaders range all the
way from 50,000 to 500,000. It is
understood the time set for the
walkout will be either next Monday
or Tuesday.

Leaders Are Bitter.
Labor leaders generally expressed
great bitterness today over Mayor
Mitchel's statement, in which Pub-
lic Service Commissioner Straus
joined in warning the union men
that he would call out the militia in
the case of a general strike. They
declared, however, that they would
go ahead with their plans.

Service on subway and elevated
trains continued normal today and
surface car traffic is gradually in-
creasing. Attacks on elevated trains
continued despite the fact that hun-
dreds of police are stationed all
along the lines, on roofs and at the
stations.

Four passengers were injured in
the attacks early today. A stone
hurled into an elevated car on the
Third av. line near 107th st., hurt
three men. Another was injured by
a brick thrown through the window
of an "L" train at 166th st. and
Third av.

Showers of rocks and bottles greet-
ed several early morning trains on
the Sixth and Nine av. elevated
lines.

ROOSEVELT WILL BE
USED IN THE PINCHES

Theodore to Come to Bat For G. O.
P. Team When Gang is
Rocky.

International News Service:
NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Stepping
to the bat wielding a new "big
stick," Col. Theodore Roosevelt ex-
pects to knock out nothing more
than home runs for the republican
party from now on until Nov. 7.
The sage of Oyster Bay will be the
chief "pinch hitter" for the G. O. P.
He is not going to take a regular
place in the line-up, but will wield
his trusty stick where weak batters
are opposing the enemy. The col-
onel already has one circuit smash to
his credit—delivered in Maine.

His next appearance at the plate
will be at Battle Creek, Mich., on
Sept. 30. He will be sent into the
"waverline" states to show the doubt-
ful ones what good hitting can do
for a team. And the "chief pinch
hitter" will not travel with the box
seat holders. He will mix with the
bleacherites and travel the regular
way—barring the specials.

WATCHES SELF IN GLASS
AS SHE FIRES A SHOT

Prominent Indianapolis Clubwoman
Stands Before Mirror and Com-
mits Suicide at Home.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 22.—
Mrs. Cora M. Kiger, 46 years old, a
member of a number of Woman's
and Literary clubs shot and killed
herself at her home here Thursday.
She was the wife of S. D. Kiger, a
diamond broker. Ill health was as-
signed as the cause of her act. From
the position of the body in Mrs.
Kiger's room it is believed she
watched herself in a large mirror
fire the fatal shot.

Wilson's Reply
To Hughes is
Due Saturday

International News Service:
SHADOW LAWN, LONG
BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 22.—Pres't
Wilson today completed his reply to
the charges that have been hurled
against his administration by Charles
Evans Hughes, republican presiden-
tial nominee. He will deliver it to-
morrow afternoon at an "open
house" he is holding at Shadow
Lawn for New Jersey business men.
It is understood the president will
reply specifically to the attacks that
have been made upon the eight-hour
law which was rushed through con-
gress at his instigation. He also is
expected to take up in detail the
legislation enacted by the democrats
which is expected to prove of great
benefit to the business men of the
country.

Arrangements were made today
for the president to confer tonight
with Walter Hines Page, American
ambassador to Great Britain. Mr.
Page will report verbally to the
president on the British blacklist, in-
terference with American mail on
the high seas and they also are ex-
pected to discuss retaliatory legisla-
tion which has been enacted.

HUGHES MAY CALL
OFF SPEECH HERE

Candidate's Throat in Bad
Shape and Companions
May do the Talking.

International News Service:
MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 22.—Charles
E. Hughes' voice is on the verge of
a breakdown.

Following his brief addresses to-
day at Newcastle and Anderson, his
physician, Dr. L. D. Anderson, made
an examination and advised Gov.
Hughes that his throat should not
be subjected to the least possible
strain for the next week. A hur-
ried consultation between Mr.
Hughes and his advisers was held,
and it was finally decided to keep
all the 13 engagements in Indiana
today, but to cut down the speak-
ing as much as possible. If it is
found, under this arrangement that
his throat gets no better, the pro-
gram of today probably will be
called off, so far as Mr. Hughes'
speaking is concerned.

In that case, Raymond Robins and
some of the other leaders who are
accompanying him on this trip, will
introduce the candidate at the vari-
ous stops and then do the talking
themselves.

It is believed that with a few days'
complete rest with treatment, the
governor's voice will be restored to
normal again. Aside from his
hoarseness and the strain on his vocal
chords he is in excellent physical
condition. In the past two days he
has addressed 18 open air meetings.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH

Two Fires at Minneapolis Cause
\$100,000 Damage.

International News Service:
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 22.—
One man was burned to death, an-
other seriously hurt and property
worth \$100,000 was destroyed by
two fires in Minneapolis early today.
The first fire originated in Camp-
bell's live hams. Hans Christian-
son, a stableman, lost his life in at-
tempting to get the horses out of
the barn.

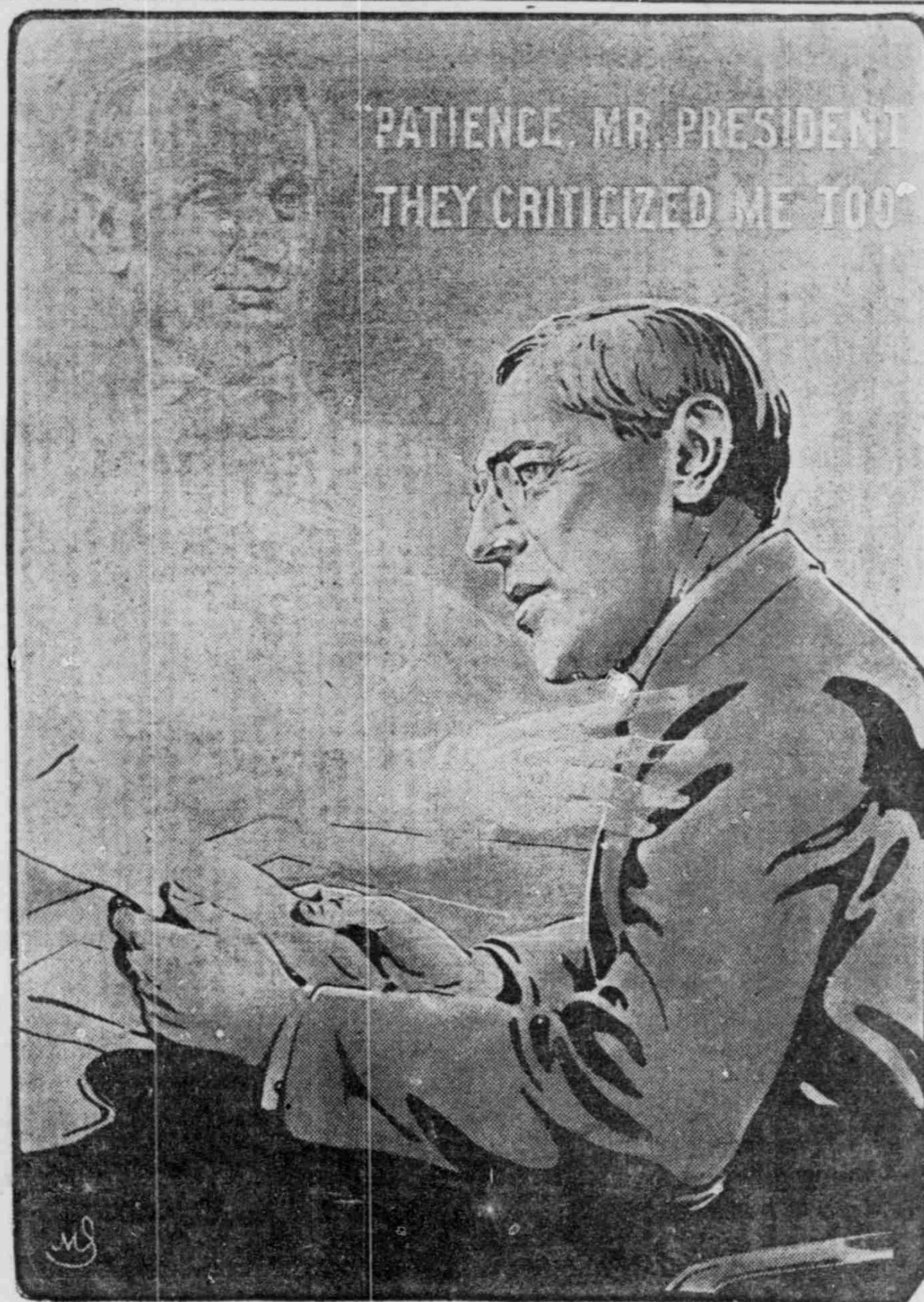
He failed, and 24 of the animals
were burned. The flames spread
rapidly to some dwellings on either
side of the barn. James Devau was
seriously burned in getting his fam-
ily to safety. A second fire de-
stroyed the Foster Robe and Tan-
ning Co. plant.

Automobile Parade to Mishawaka

A. H. Cushing, director of the big automobile parade
scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 4, announces that
it will be taken through Lincoln Way West to Mishawaka and
return to South Bend.

This will be the greatest decorated automobile parade ever
held in the middle west according to the plans of Director
Cushing. Magnificent gold and silver cups and other desirable
prizes are offered for decorated cars and automobile owners
are urged to enter into the spirit of the affair, show their
loyalty to the cause and enter their cars on Oct. 4.

Every automobile owner, whether person, company or
other organization can and should contribute to the success of
this parade. It is to their interests that the parade be made a
success. If they will appreciate that fact and exercise every
effort and their artistic ability at car decorations the parade
will be all that is hoped for. Automobile owners should tele-
phone at once to Director Cushing and tell him what they
plan to do.



INTRODUCING MR. CHARLES EVANS HUGHES TO THE EDITORIAL PAGE.

EXPERTS TAKE UP
NITRATE QUESTION

Exhaustive Experiments Will
be Carried on Before De-
cision is Reached.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The
ordnance experts of the war depart-
ment began today an exhaustive in-
quiry to determine the type of ni-
trate plant to be erected under
authority of the national defense
act, passed by the last congress, ap-
propriating \$20,000,000 for that
purpose.

Experts at the war department
explained today that the principal
means of gaining a supply within the
United States would either be
through fixation of atmospheric ni-
trogen by an electrical process or
through a chemical process with
ammonia as a base. In the
event the fixation process is deter-
mined upon, a hydro-electric plant
must be sought. Should this be
decided as the most feasible means
the army engineers will recommend
a power site. Among engineering
officers today it was said the best
site available would be along the
"Muscle shoals" in the Tennessee
river.

Exhaustive experiments will be
carried on before a decision is
reached as to the type of plant to
be desired. These will necessarily be
slow, as American chemists have had
little experience in producing ni-
trogen.

Regardless of the type of plant
finally determined upon, officers of
the ordnance department declared
that it would be unwise to construct
small units at first. This
would be enlarged and the \$20,000,-
000 appropriated would be expended
as the success of the undertaking
depends on these experiments.

PLANS FOR TRADE
TREATIES ARE DROPPED
Act While War
is on.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—All of
the tentative plans of the state de-
partment for negotiations of new
trade treaties with European coun-
tries were abandoned today. The
decision of the department, forced
by the determination of the entente
allies to postpone all outside com-
mercial arrangements until they
can perfect their own trade alliance
will leave America's foreign trade
to drag along under present chaotic
conditions.

"It is apparent," explained a dip-
lomatic official today, "that the
United States will be unable to ne-
gotiate any treaties that will clarify
the present tangled commercial sit-
uation until the entente allies have
settled upon their joint commercial
policy. This probably will not be
done until the close of the war.
Meantime we will be forced to handle
each individual dispute arising with
European nations on its own merits.
It will be awkward and will cause
much delay, but it cannot be help-
ed."

STUDENT TROOPS HELD
Purdue Men Returned From Border
Not Discharged.

International News Service:
INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 22.—Adj't.
Gen. Frank Bridges today took steps
to see that much of the war depart-
ment "red tape" is eliminated in
discharging guardsmen returned to
Fort Harrison from the border.
Battery B, Purdue university, re-
turned from the border last Satur-
day, but has not been discharged.

Members of the Crawfordsville
and Spencer companies went from
Llano Grande, Texas, to the Rio
Grande yesterday to do border duty.
militia headquarters was advised.

PATIENCE, MR. PRESIDENT
THEY CRITICIZED ME TOOADVANCE FOR
ABOUT A MILE
AROUND ANCRE

Capture Enemy Trenches and
Take Prisoners in Night
Attacks South of
Arras.

MACKENSEN'S ARMY IS
IN DESPERATE STRAITS

Men Are Declared to be With-
out Food and Munitions
and Are Falling Back
in Dobrudja.

International News Service:
LONDON, Sept. 22.—Continuing
their offensive in the Somme region,
south of Ancre, the British troops
advanced along a front of about a
mile and captured two lines of Ger-
man trenches, the war office an-
nounced today. The British line, it
was announced, now runs directly
north of Piers to Martinpuich.
South of Arras the British in a
night attack entered some enemy
trenches and inflicted losses on the
Germans, besides capturing some
prisoners.

IN DESPERATE STRAITS.

International News Service:
LONDON, Sept. 22.—Field Mar-
shal Mackensen's Teutonic army
battling the Russian-Roumanian
forces in the Dobrudja is in desperate
straits, according to dispatches
received here today.

Retreating before the fierce at-
tacks of the foe, Mackensen's men
are declared to be without food and
munitions. Hard rains have made
the roads almost impassable. The
greatest difficulty is being ex-
perienced by the Teutonic allies in
moving their artillery.

Food convoys sent down the
Danube from Rutschuk to relieve
Mackensen's forces were sunk by
Roumanian artillery.

SERIES GAINING.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—Giving the re-
treating Bulgarians no time to re-
form their lines the Serbian forces
in Macedonia are continuing their
advance, according to dispatches
received here today. The French
war office announced today. Violent
Bulgarian attacks at Zirozka and
Florina were repulsed.

The official communique follows:
"Army of the orient—On the
Struma front, in the region of lake
Doiran there has been the usual
artillery combat."

"Between the Vardar and the Ro-
berna (Cerna) a violent Bulgarian
attack at Zirozka suffered a sangui-
nary check."

"In the region of the Broda, Ser-
bian troops pursuing their advance,
have arrived as far as the outskirts
of Verbeni. One hundred prisoners
were taken."

"North of Florina an attack by
the enemy was broken by French in-
fantry fire. Our troops have occu-
pied all the terrain northwest of
Armenoski and their progress con-
tinues. Stubborn conflicts have been
going on on the heights dominating
the Florina-Popli road."

"Fog has hindered operations
along the whole front."

ADMIT HALT.

SOFIA, Sept. 22.—Further evi-
dence that the Russo-Roumanian
forces are pounding back the Teu-
tonic allies in the fierce fighting in
the Dobrudja was given today when
the Bulgarian war office admitted
that the Bulgarians had consolidated
their positions in that district.

German aeroplanes bombed the
railway at Cernavoda, causing some
damage. A bombardment of the heights
north and east of Perveleia by a
Russian squadron was unsuccessful.

The official text follows:
"Macedonia—Situation on the
Vardar and Struma unchanged."

"Roumania—In the Dobrudja we
consolidated our positions."

"German aeroplanes bombed the
railway at Cernavoda, causing some
damage."

"A Russian squadron unsuccessfully
bombarded the heights north
and east of Perveleia."

ATTACKS COSTLY.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—Continuing
their attacks in an effort to check
the allies' offensive in the Somme re-
gion, the Germans launched several
counter attacks against the French
positions at Priez farm and Bar-
court. All were unsuccessful. Wave
after wave of Teuton troops were
hurled against the French positions
only to be mowed down by fire of
the French guns. The war office an-
nounced today.

ANOTHER CHICAGO
BANK IS CLOSED

Attorneys Declare the Failure
will Reach Half a Mil-
lion Dollars.

International News Service:
CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Creditors
of the Industrial Savings bank, an
old time private institution, caused
to be filed in federal court today an
involuntary petition for the appoint-
ment of a receiver for the bank.
The institution's liabilities are said
to total about \$1,000,000, with the
assets approximately half that
amount. The attorneys declared the
failure would reach half a million
dollars.

The failure of the bank is the
ninth catastrophe that has hit de-
positors in private institutions here
in the last four weeks.

The bank has been under the
management of Harry Dubla, prom-
inent in club and social circles.
Several big depositors received
word that the bank would not open
this morning and they hurried to
file the receivership petition so that
the law would close the bank and
automatically shut off a run of
panic-stricken depositors, most of
them Poles, Slavs, Bohemians and
Irish.

One Member of
Gang is Freed

International News Service:
CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The govern-
ment today dismissed charges of
blackmail against W. C. Woodward,
one of the members of the alleged
"million dollar syndicate." The
cases against "Doc" Donahue, Harry
Russell, Mrs. Helen Evers and James
Christian were continued for 10 days.
It was the second time the govern-
ment had secured a postponement
without revealing its case against
the prisoners.

Attorneys for the accused attempt-
ed to compel the government author-
ities to produce Mrs. Regina Klipper,
the Philadelphia woman who is said
to have been a victim of the band,
in court, but federal officials said she
was "out of the city."

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